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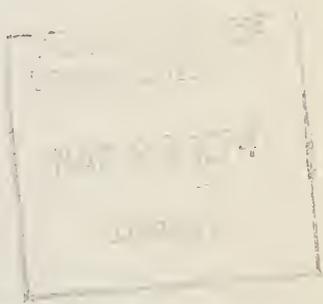
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16. Abstract This report covers the measurements of the broadband conducted noise present on the A.C. power lines feeding the Personalized Rapid Transit (PRT) systems at Dulles Airport with each system operating individually. The purpose of the measurement effort was to evaluate the electrical environment existing on each of the PRT "hot" and neutral A.C. power lines and to assess the effect of each system on the power line with all other PRT systems turned off. The measurements obtained during this test will be used for a comparison with data obtained with no PRT systems operating and with all four PRT systems operating simultaneously.					
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PREFACE

The work described in this report was performed as part of a test program conducted to evaluate the Safety and Performance characteristics of the four Personalized Rapid Transit Systems (PRT) on display at Transpo[®] 72. Sponsored by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Transpo[®] 72 was the first United States International Transportation Exposition and was intended to demonstrate to the general public new technologies in transportation.

The PRT demonstration program was the responsibility of the Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) and was conducted to provide detailed engineering test data in addition to providing mature candidates for an Urban demonstration.

POWER LINE CONDUCTED NOISE MEASUREMENTS

TTI SYSTEM - TRANSPO®'72

1. INTRODUCTION

This technical report presents the data obtained in the performance of tests for power line conducted noise at the Personal Rapid Transit (PRT) System of Transportation Technology Incorporated (TTI) at TRANSPO®'72 - Dulles Airport, Washington, D. C. This report covers one of the four tests defined under Item 5 of Contract DOT-TSC-375, and as performed by National Scientific Laboratories.

Item 5 calls for the performance of conducted noise measurements on PRT a.c. power lines in the frequency range from d.c. to at least 10 kHz, with one PRT system on. The objective of the test was to gather operational data for each of the PRT systems. Such data will enable characterization of the noise increase attributable to system operations, when considered in comparison with the ambient data collected and documented* previously by NSL.

*Technical Report, Item 4, Ambient Power Line Conducted Noise Survey, PRT Systems, March 1972, Contract No. DOT-TSC-375, Department of Transportation, Transportation Systems Center, 55 Broadway, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02142.

The measurements reported in this document were made during the forenoon of July 25, 1972.

2. METHOD OF MEASUREMENT

2.1 Instruments

All measurements were made using test set-ups and instruments as nearly identical as possible to those used during ambient testing. The power-line conducted measurements were performed using a Fairchild Model EMC-10 Interference Analyzer. This device is a battery-operated calibrated RFI/EMI meter, which, when operated as a narrowband tunable device, covers the frequency range of d.c. to 50 kHz. The receiver has an internal calibration source and incorporates a meter circuit of such design that signal levels are expressed in decibels on a linear scale. In addition, the receiver incorporates circuitry providing buffered voltage outputs in proportion to meter indication and tuned frequency: A Hewlett Packard Model 3005B X-Y Plotter was driven from the receiver.

Signals were obtained from the power lines by means of a Fairchild Model PCL-10 Current Probe. This device is a clamp-on current transformer which provides an output voltage in proportion to the current on the conductor which passes through its aperture. This probe has a specified transfer-admittance characteristic which is a function of frequency.

2.2 Power Line Arrangement

The power provided to the PRT site via an underground feeder is 480 v.a.c., 3 phase (\emptyset). These feeder lines enter commercial switchgear in the TTI building and are coded as follows:

<u>PHASE</u>	<u>COLOR CODE</u>
A	Orange
B	Brown
C	Yellow
Neutral	Noncoded

The current probe was attached at the point where the feeders enter the switchgear which is the same point as used when making the ambient tests described in report Item 4.

2.3 Measurement Technique

Each of the four power conductors were tested by scanning two frequency ranges, d.c. to 1 kHz using a 5 Hz bandwidth, and 1 kHz to 50 kHz using a 50 Hz bandwidth. Two recordings have been made for each frequency range, on each of the four power lines. The scanning time per recording averaged 4 to 6 minutes.

These recordings are reproduced in the Appendix as the upper half of Pages A-2 through A-17. The recordings are presented in order of phase rather than the order in which they were produced. The dB scale refers to the level at the instrument input connector.

Note that in some of the charts there are two scales indicated -- the upside down letter "Y" located somewhere along the bottom line of the chart indicates the point of switchover from the scale on the left side to the scale on the right side.

3. INTERPRETATION OF DATA

The amplitude/frequency charts produced during the test are reproduced in the upper half of each page in Appendix A. The lower chart on each page is a plot of levels within each major frequency increment generally showing peaks when available. A correction factor for the current probe (current probe amplitude response is non-linear with frequency) has been added to arrive at the levels plotted in the lower chart.

In the upper charts, noise peak recorded in the top major division are out of the calibrated range of the instrumentation system. Thus, the levels plotted for peaks that enter the upper division are plotted as having an amplitude of the highest level indicated numerically on the chart for that particular frequency.

Notations are written on the charts which denote vehicle movements occurring simultaneously with a noise peak. For the most part, the notations refer to docking and undocking operations at the station which were observed throughout the frequency range up to 50 kHz. Noises recorded during vehicle running on guideway were mostly in the frequency region below 20 kHz.

4. TIME LOG

TTI had two vehicles operating continuously during the test period -- 0800 to 1200 o'clock -- and therefore did not consider it necessary to provide a statement to this fact since the test team was cognizant of their operation.

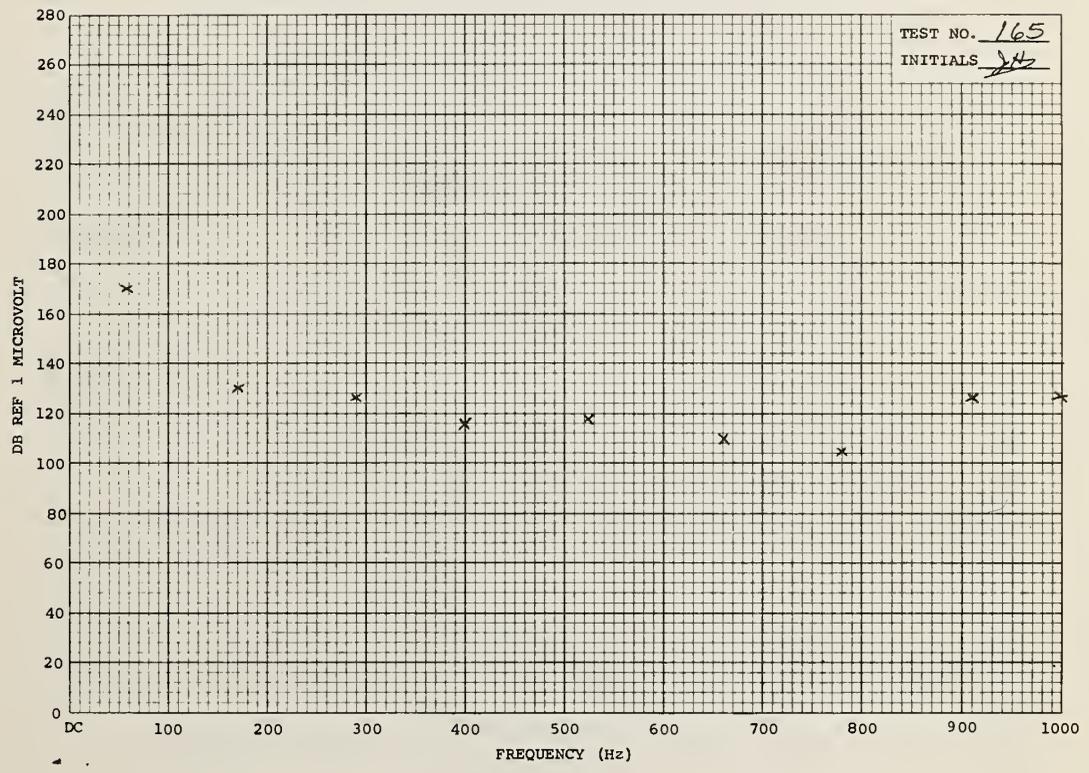
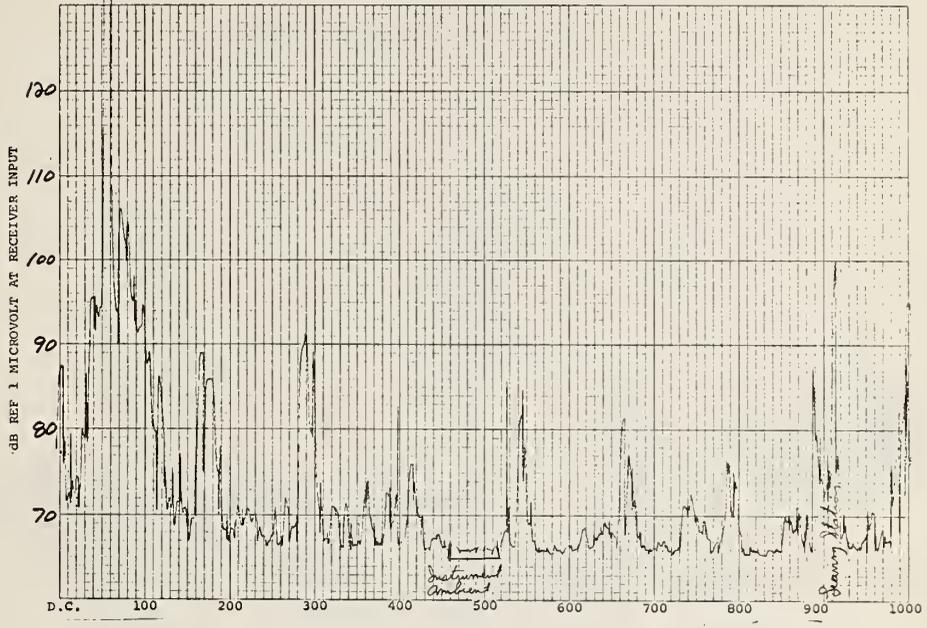


APPENDIX A

POWER LINE CONDUCTION MEASUREMENTS DATA

Contains data charts for Test No. 160 through 175. The charts are presented in order of phase -- A, B, C, Neutral -- for ease of analysis, rather than in numerical order as the tests were performed.

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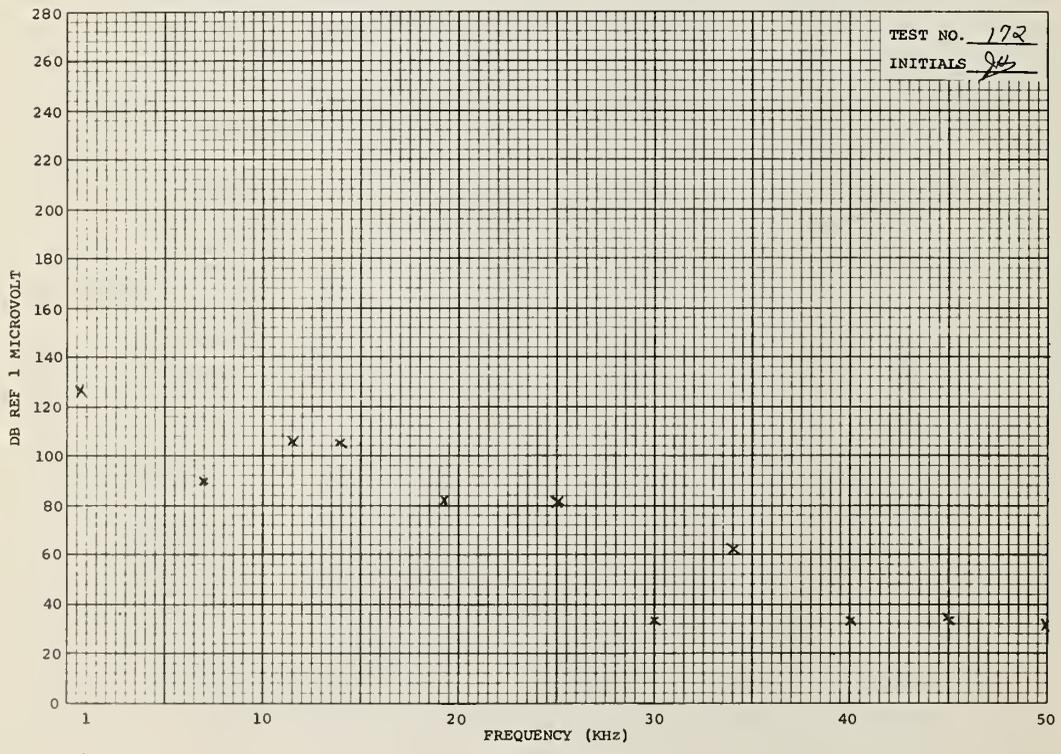
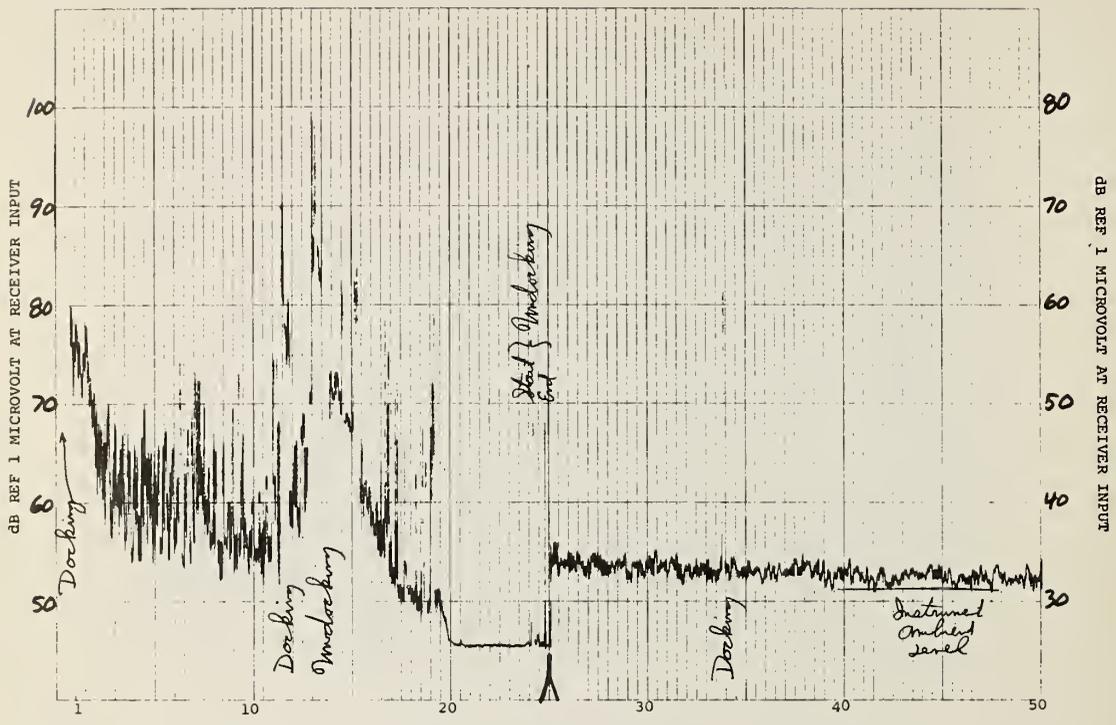


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 TTI

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BANDWIDTH 50Hz
 DATE 7-25-72

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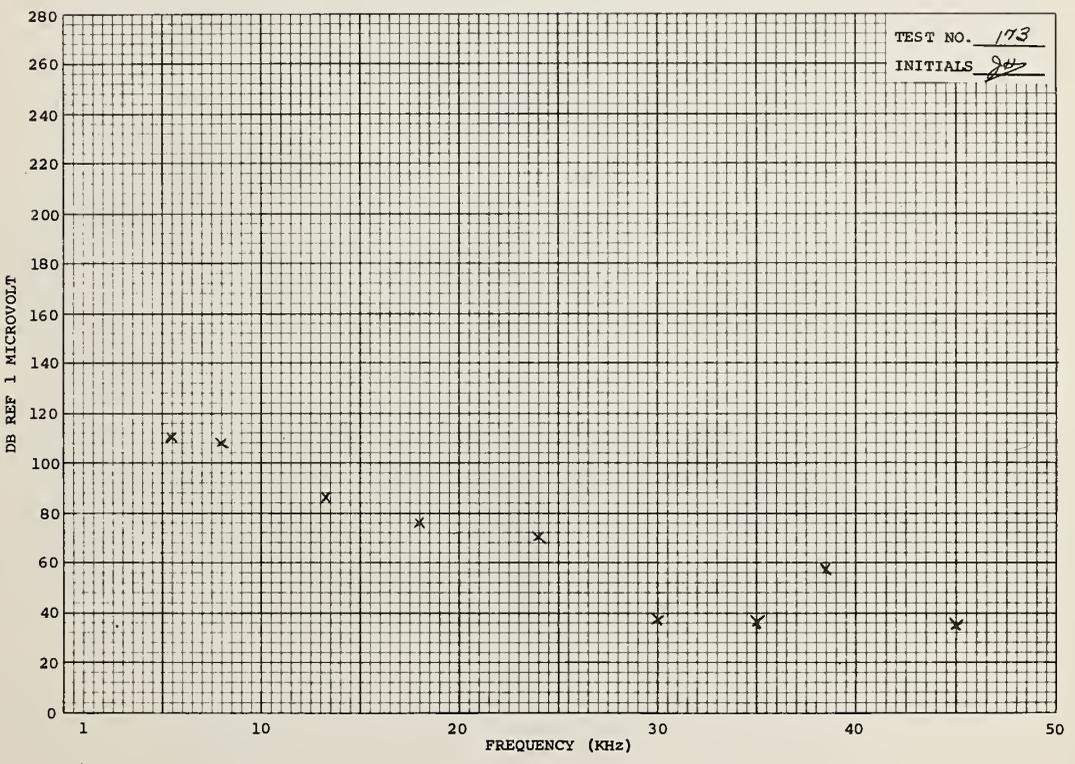
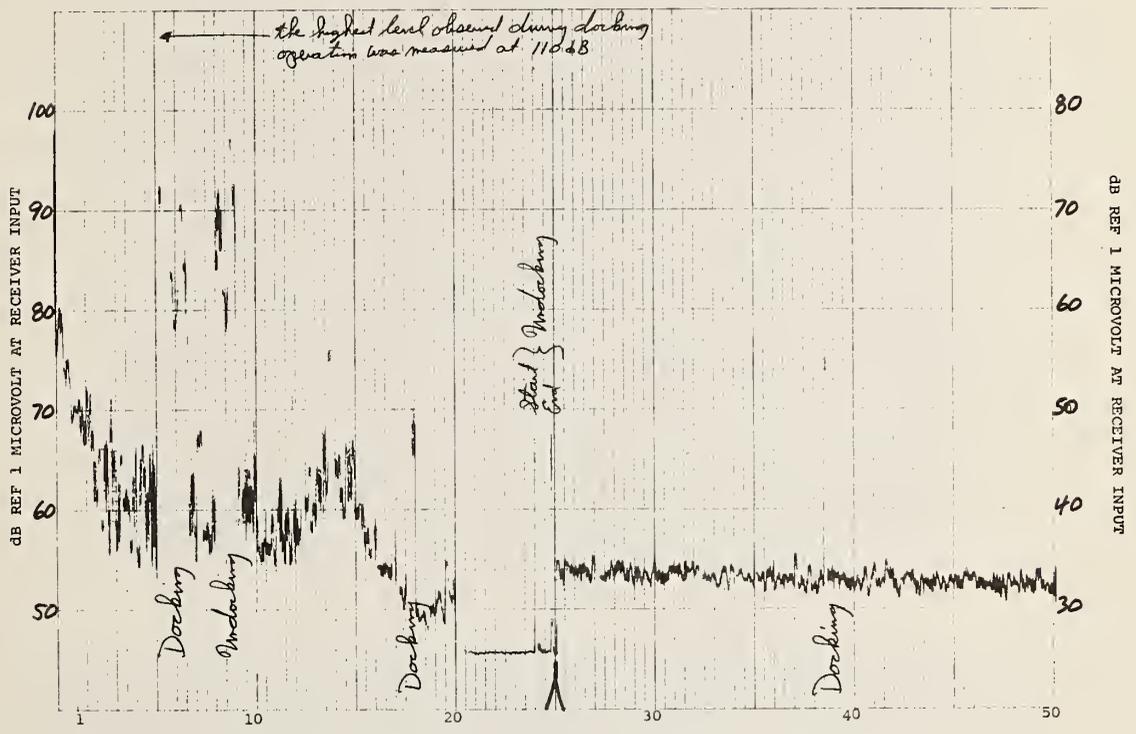


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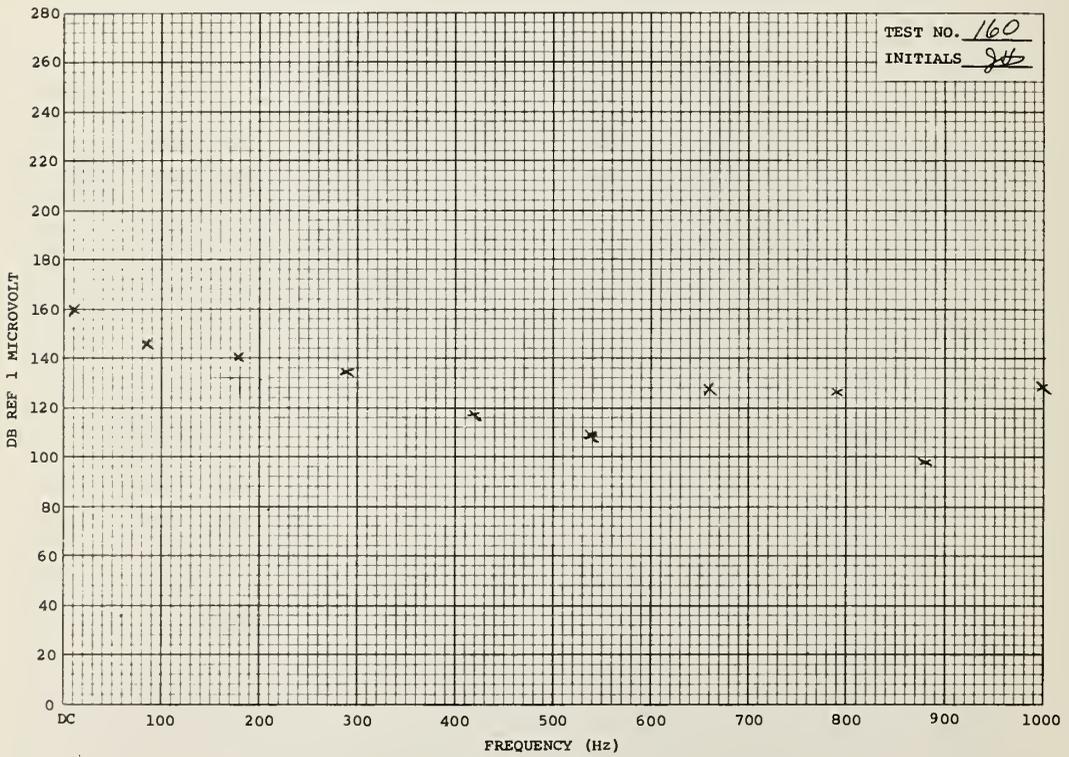
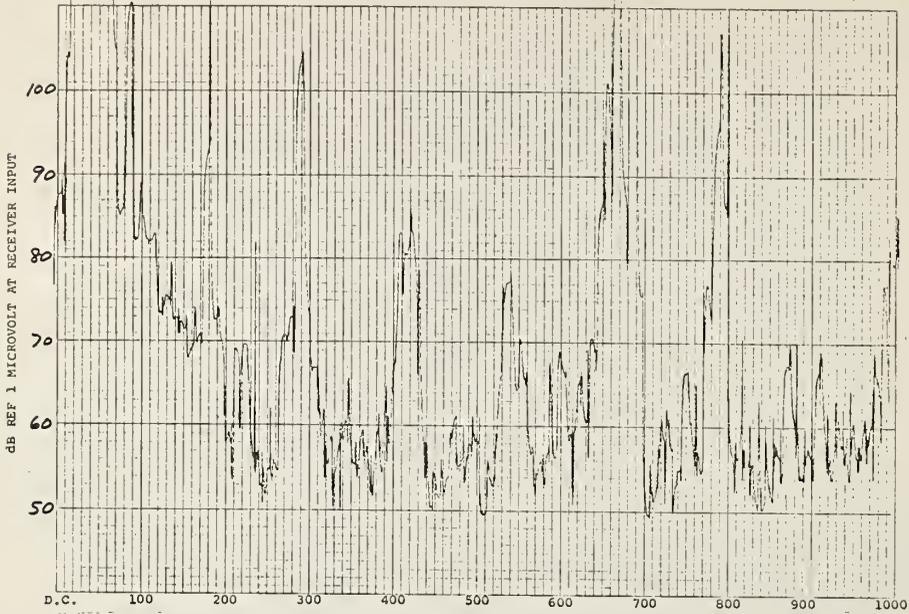
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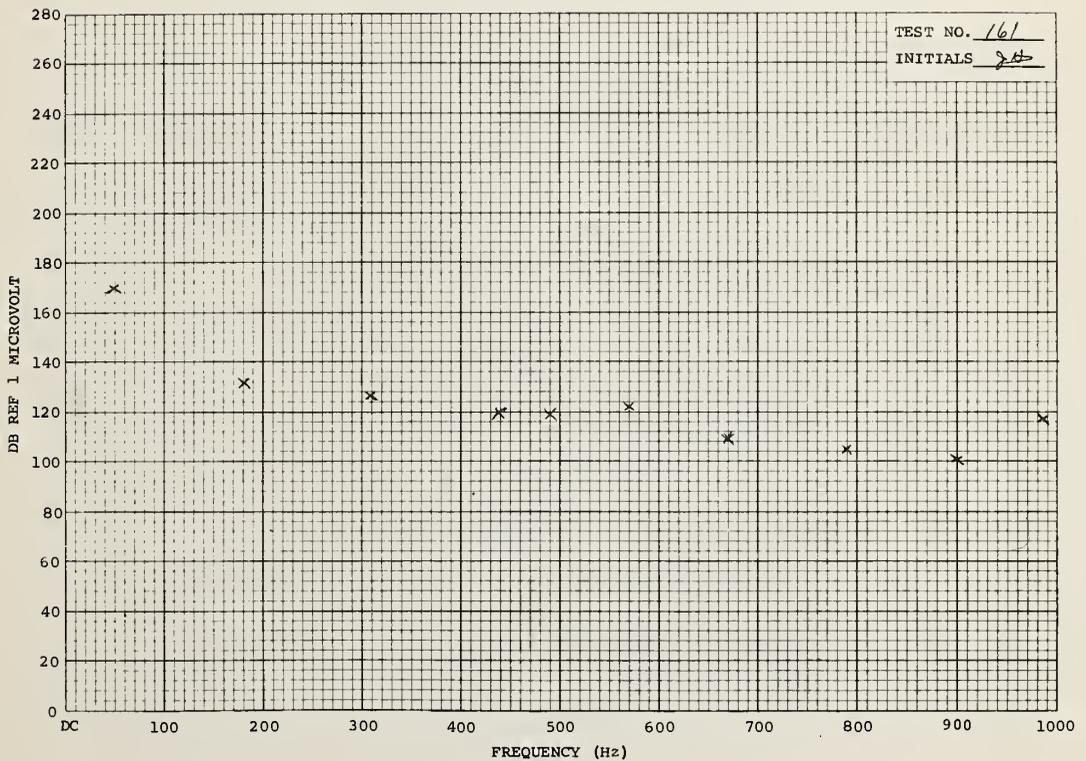
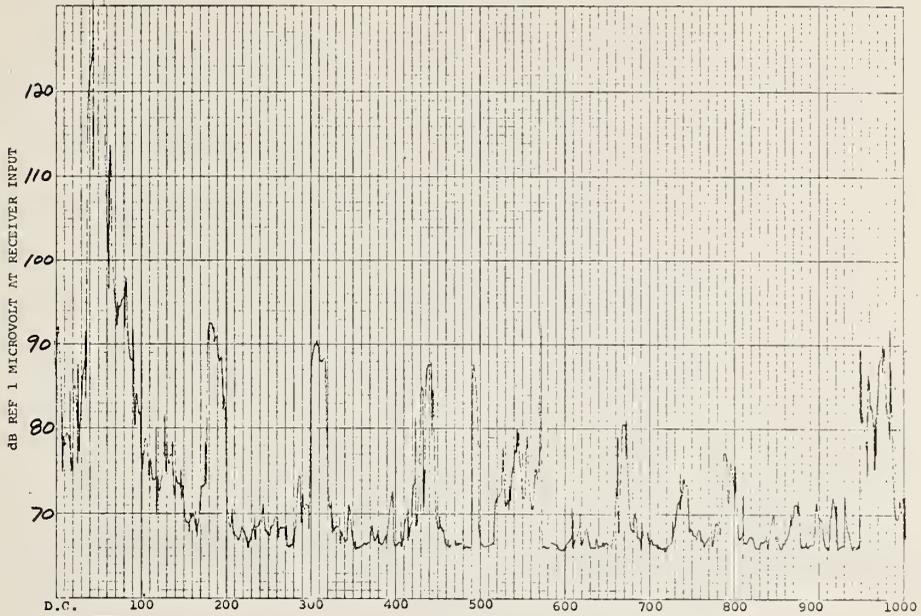
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T.T.I.



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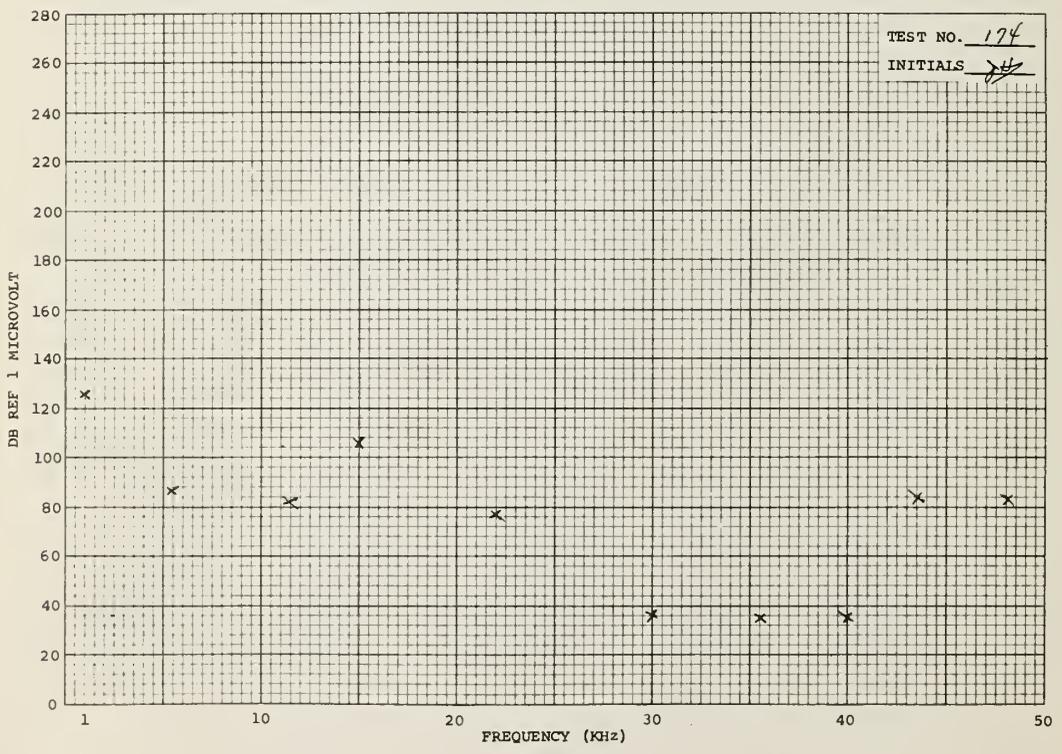
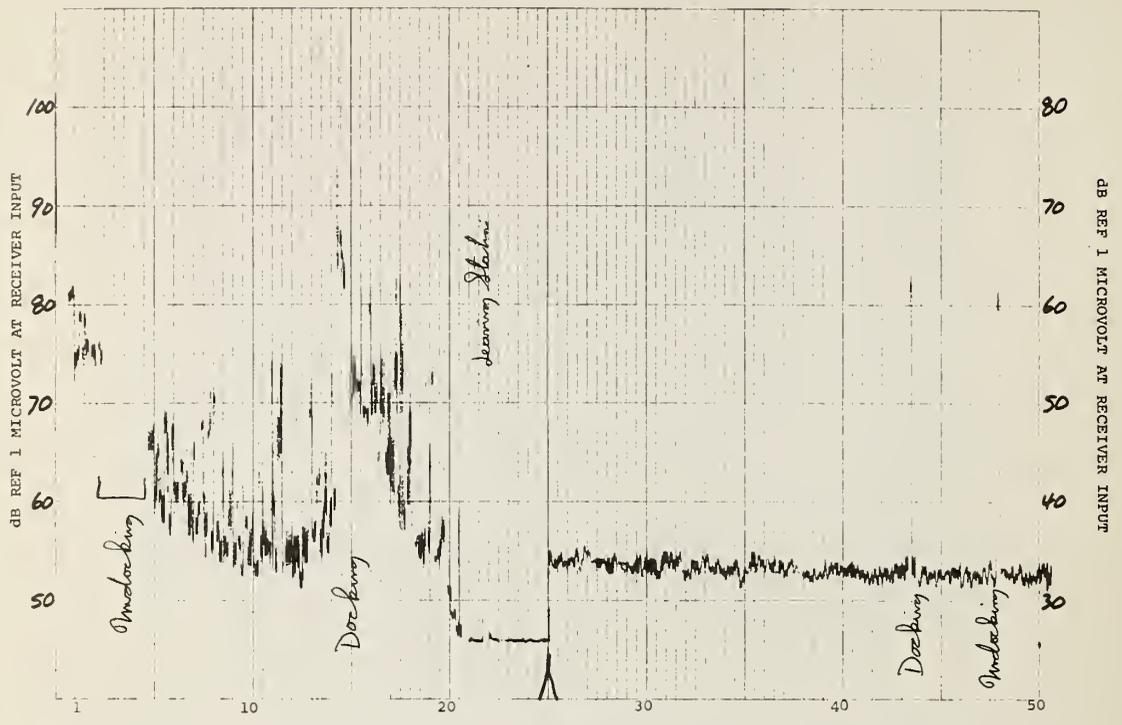


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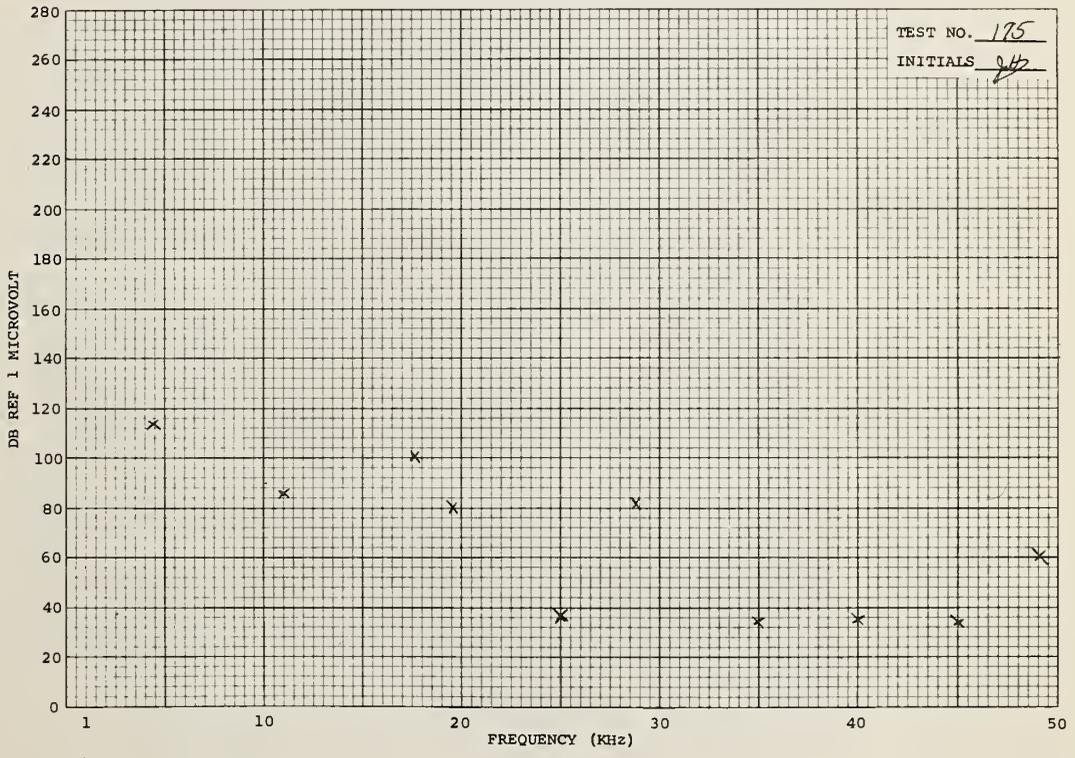
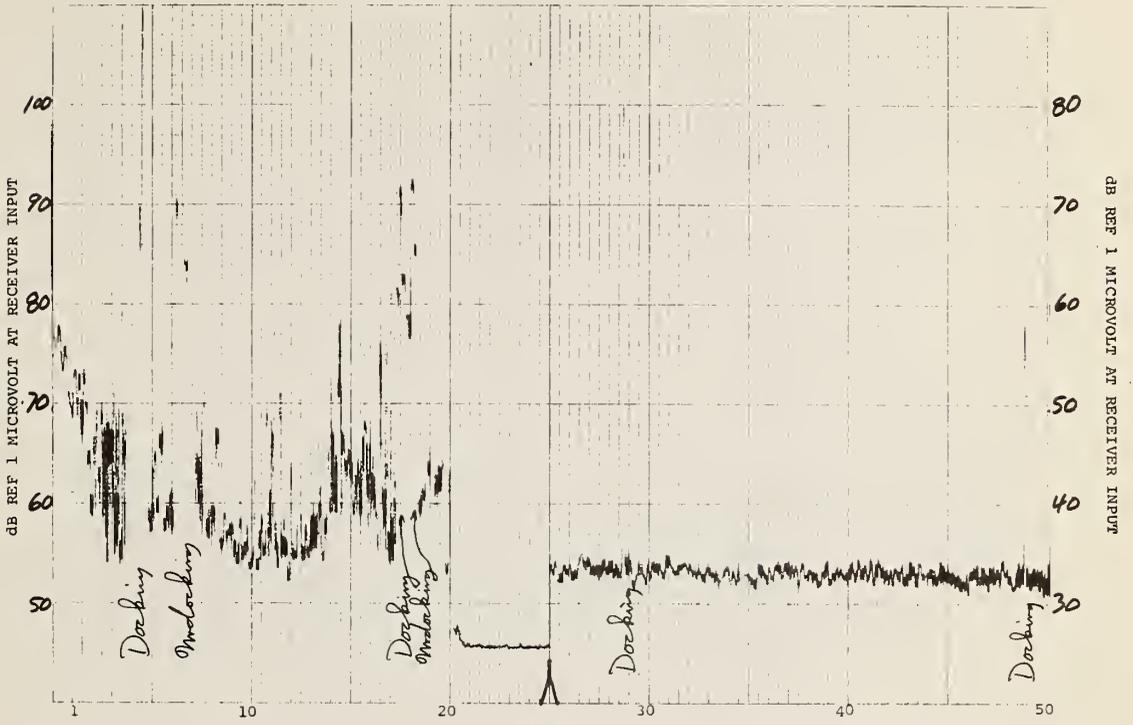


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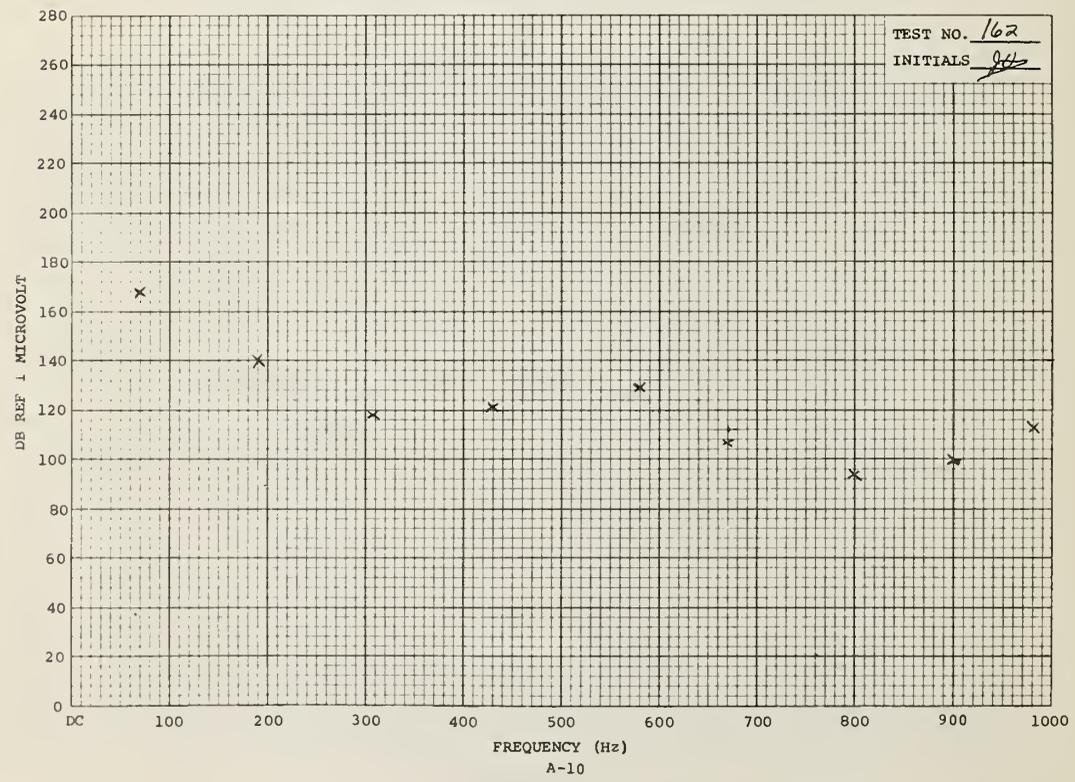
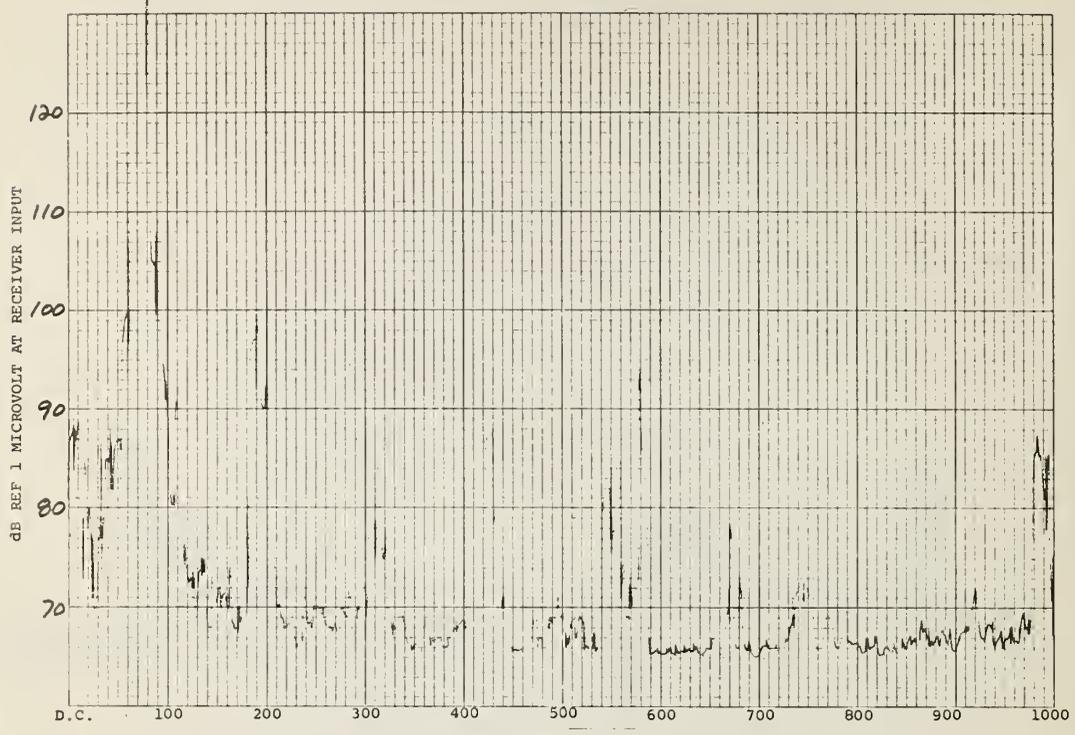
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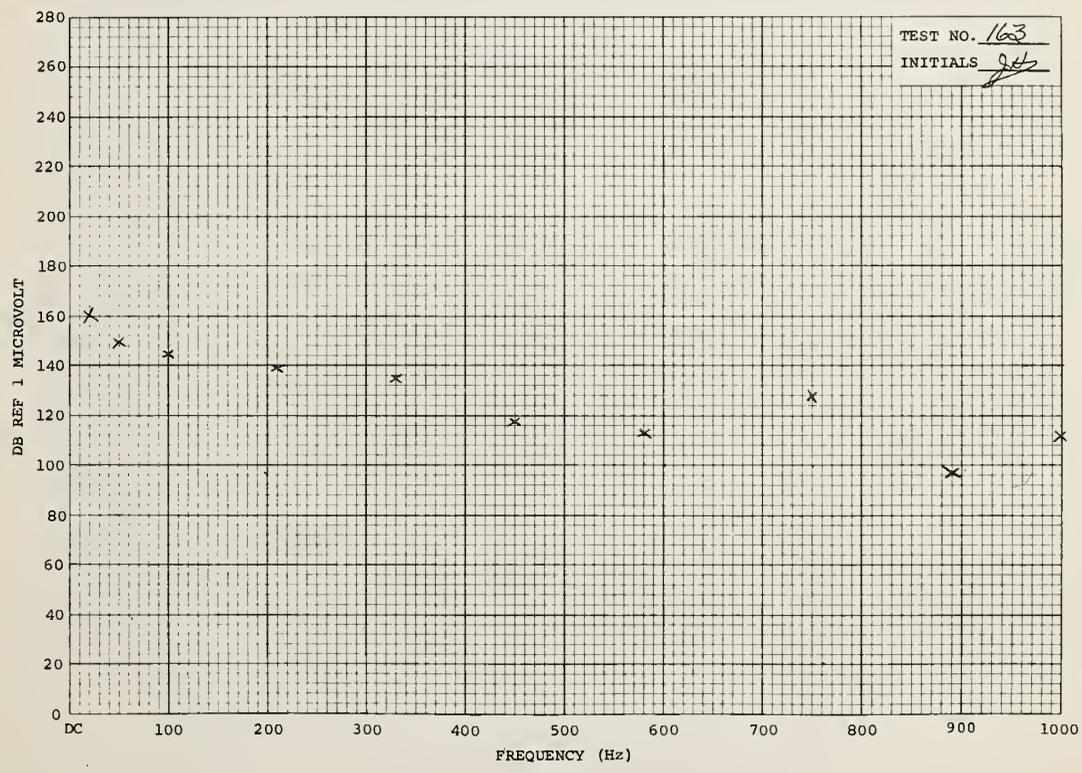
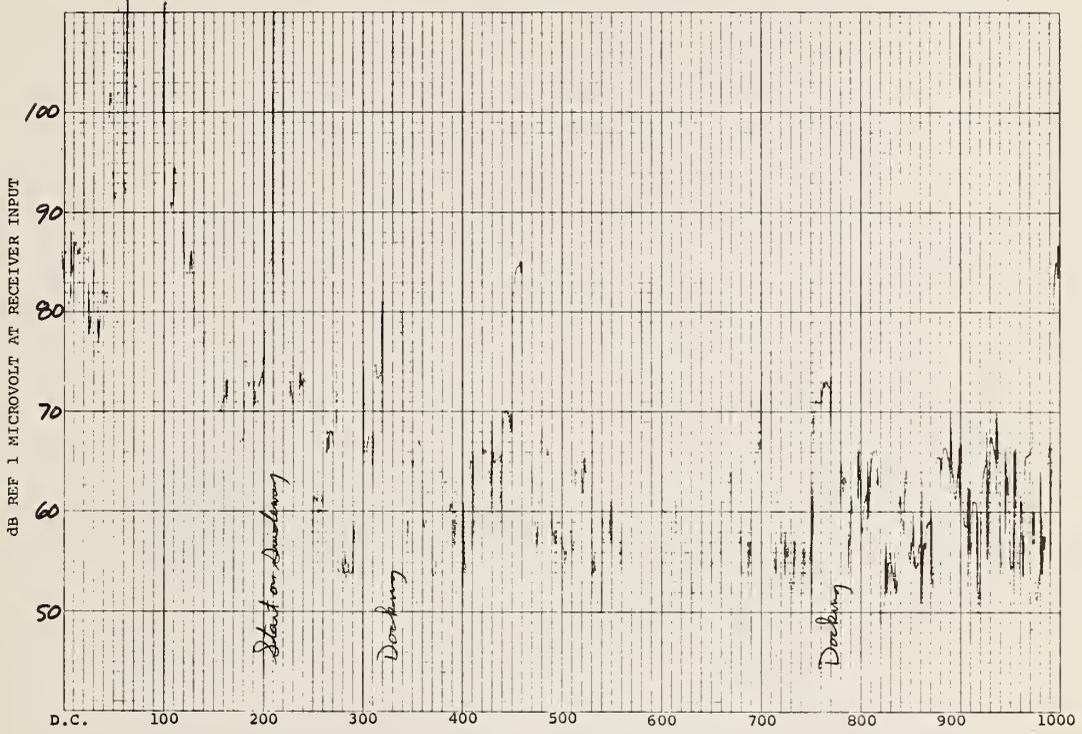
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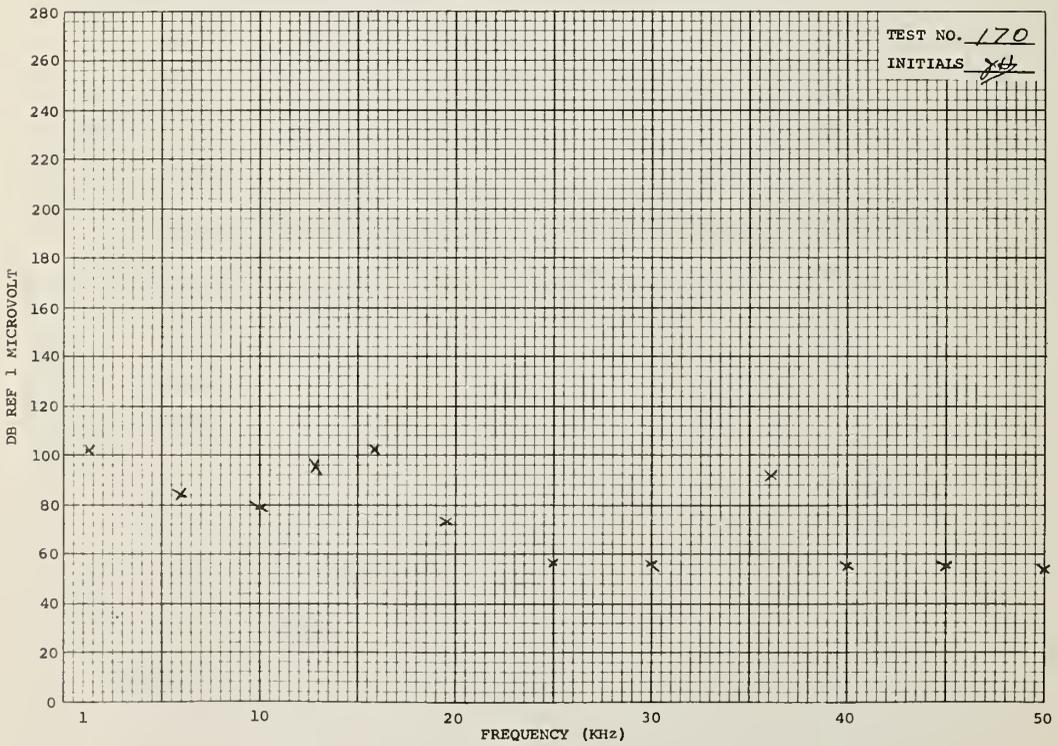
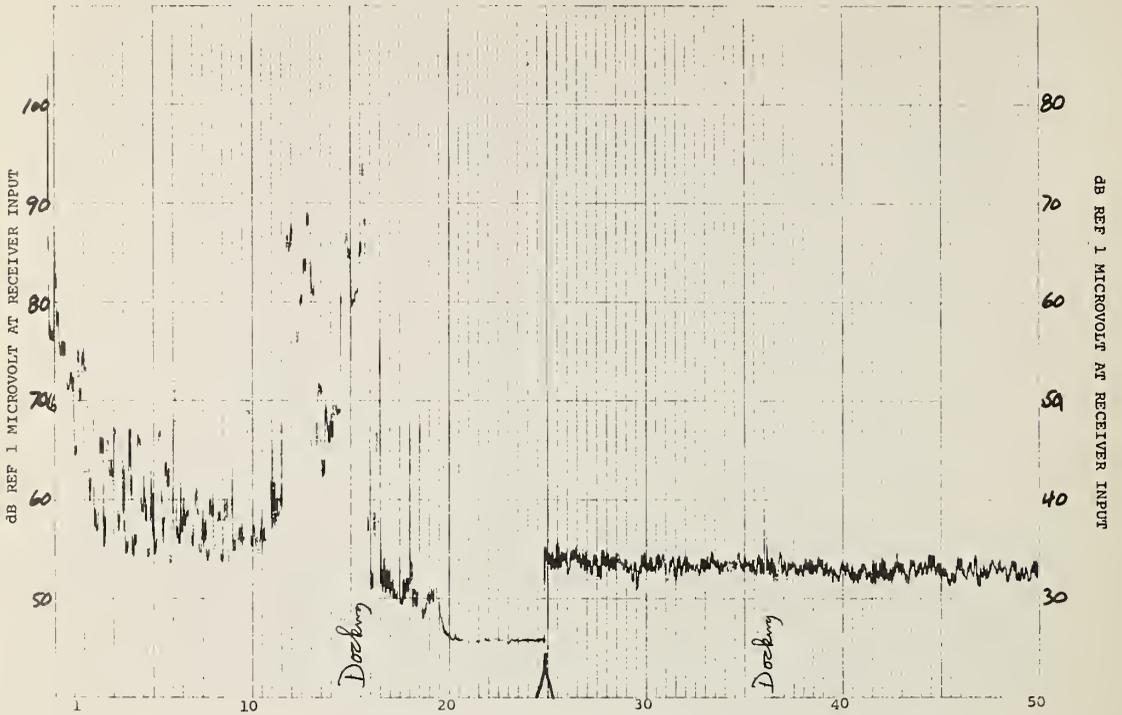


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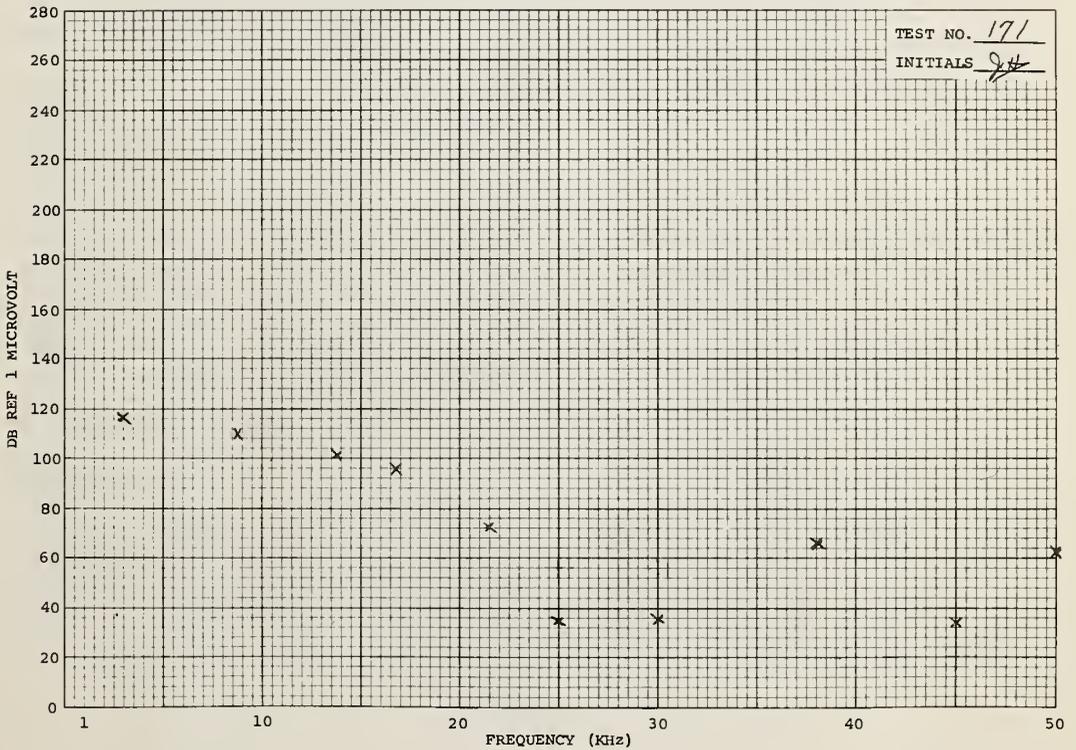
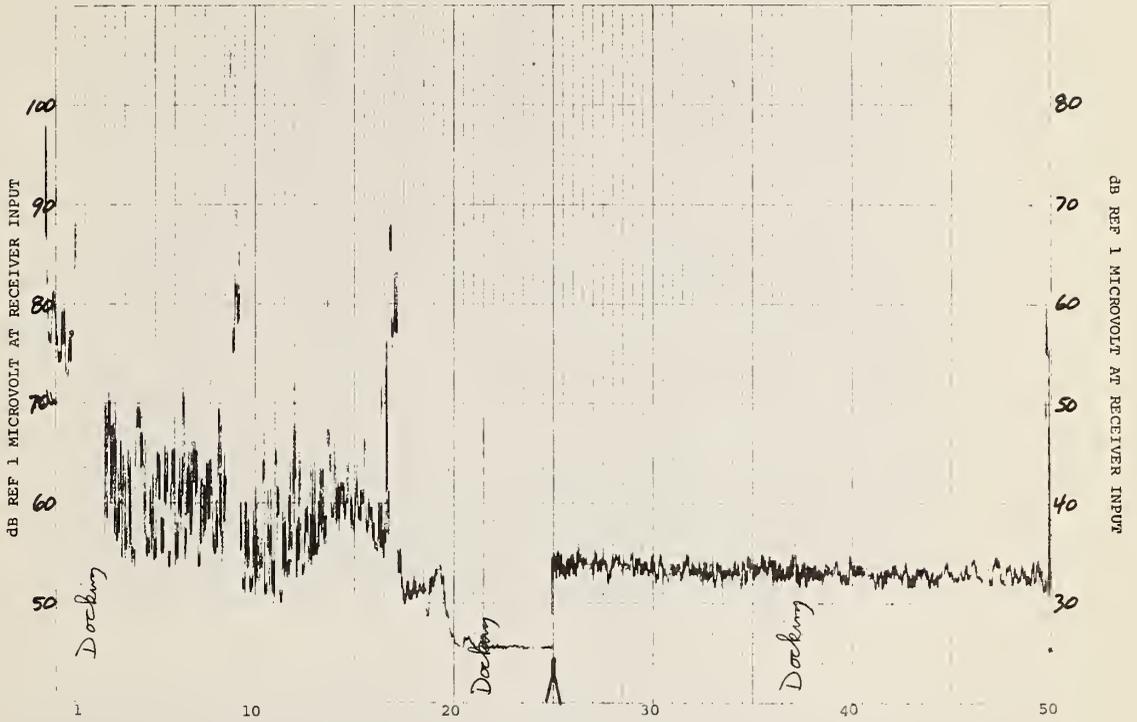


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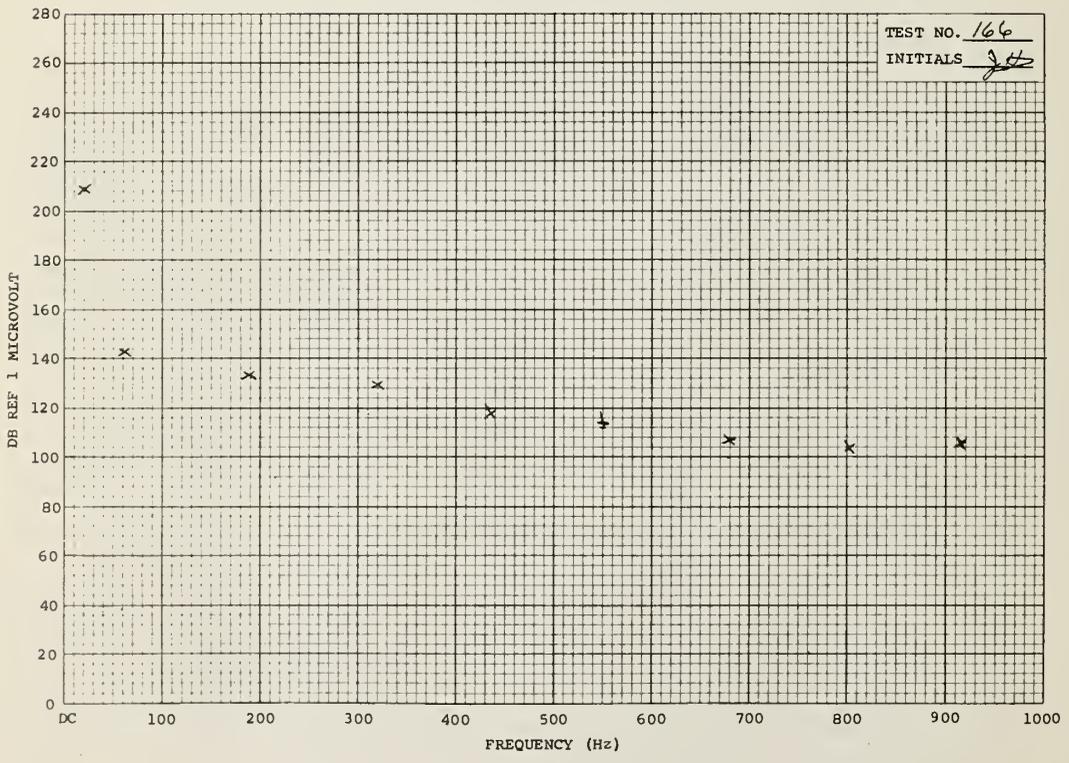
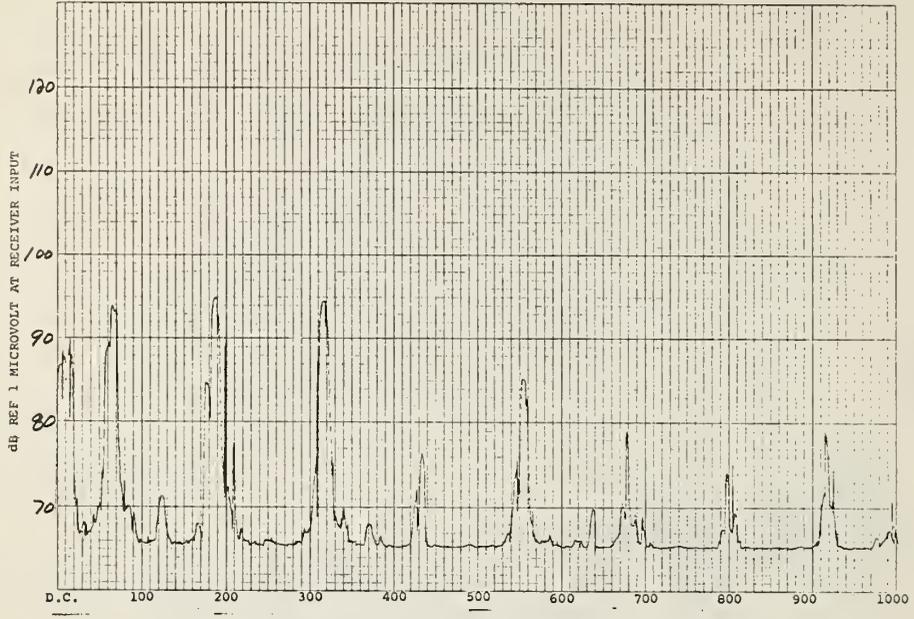
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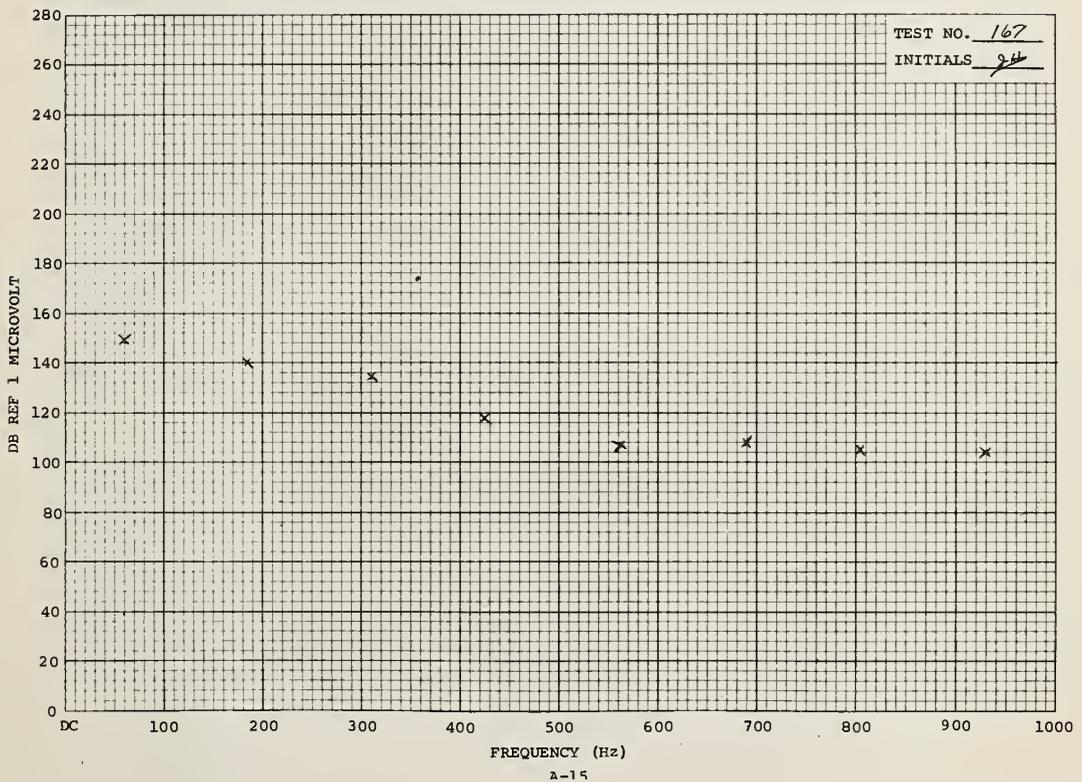
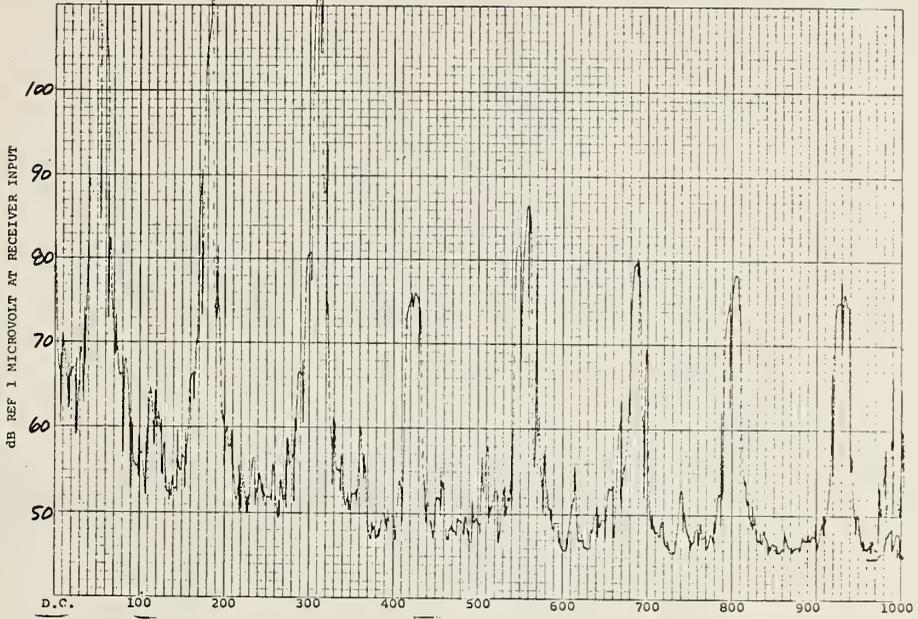
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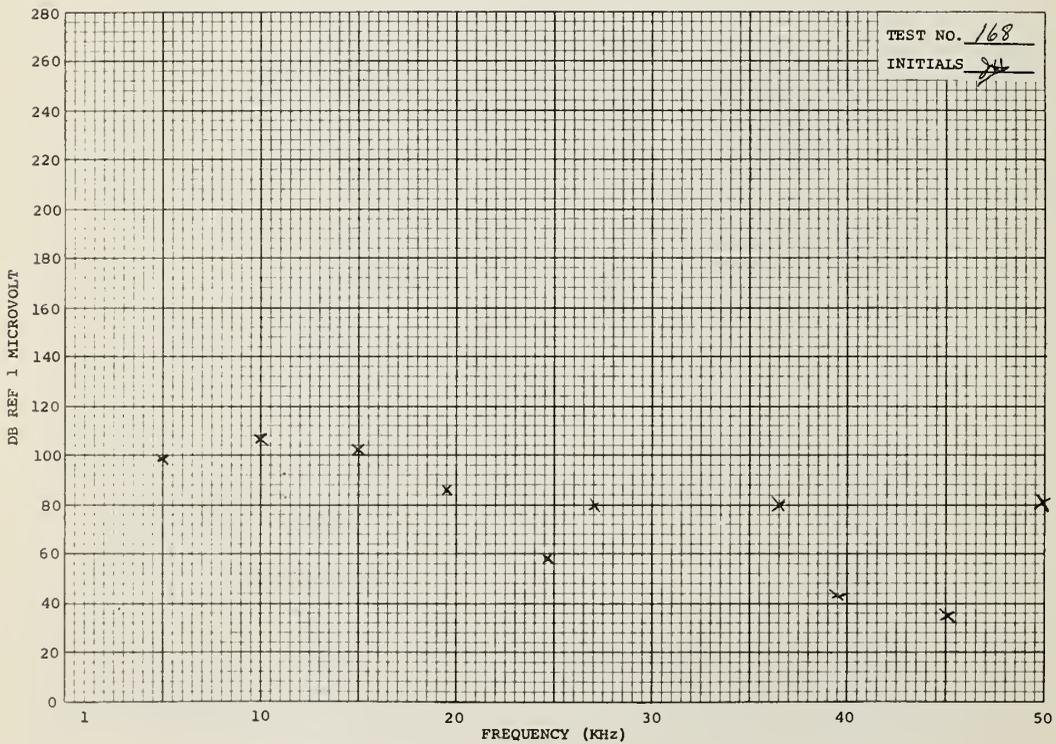
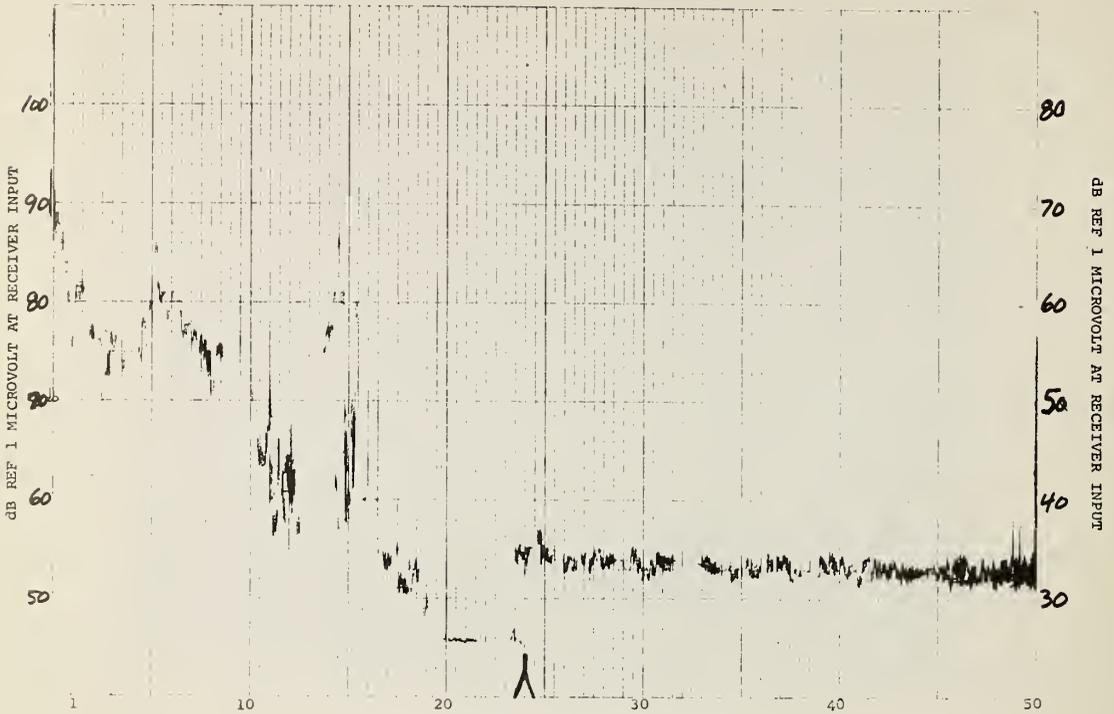


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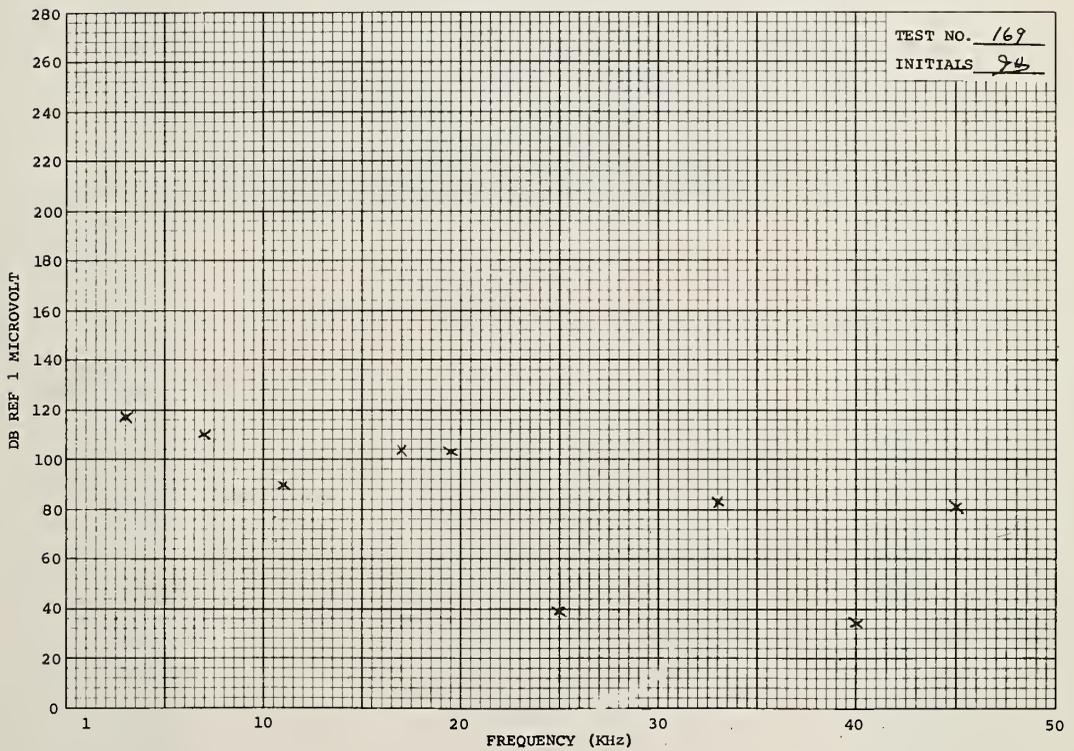
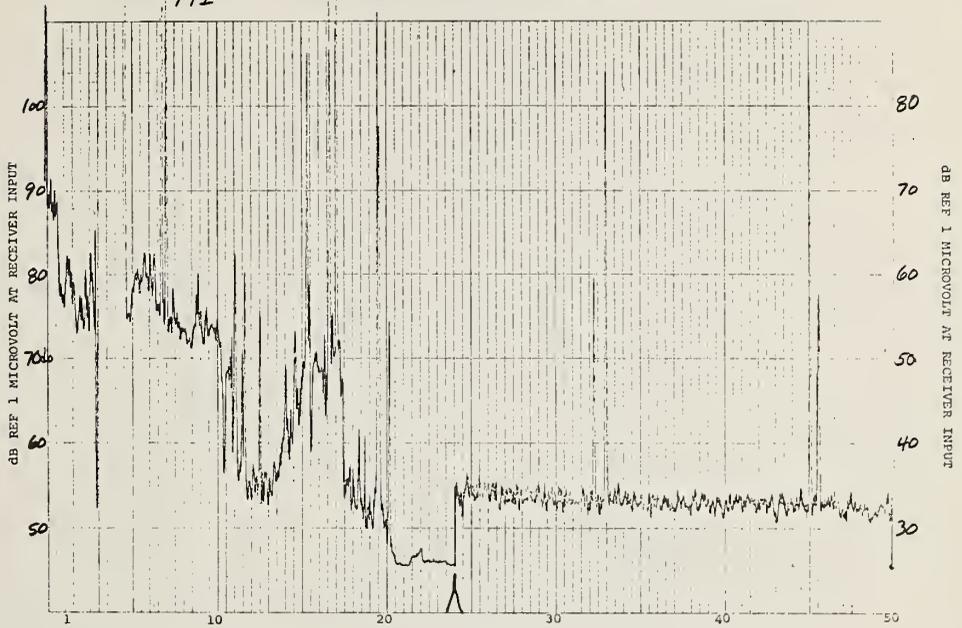
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